



Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders

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FACT SHEET

MAYOR SANDERS ANNOUNCES TIMELINE FOR SELECTION OF NEW CITY FIRE CHIEF

*Applicant Interviews to Begin Week of June 5; Assistant Chief Tracy Jarman to be
Appointed Interim Chief Upon Bowman's Departure*

Mayor Jerry Sanders has announced a timeline for the selection of a new Chief for the City's Fire and Life Safety Department. The Mayor began the selection process in response to the announcement by current Chief Jeff Bowman that he will be resigning from his post.

Background:

- Jill Olen, the Mayor's Chief Deputy for Public Safety, worked with the City's Personnel Department beginning in mid-April to prepare a recruitment bulletin for the Chief's position.
- The bulletin has been posted to the City's employment web site and broadly distributed to potential candidates throughout the nation.
- To date, the City has received application materials from more than 20 individuals interested in the job.

Timeline for Selection of New Fire Chief

June 2: Mayor Sanders, Jill Olen and City staff will begin a review of qualifications for all applicants.

June 5 – June 11: A selection panel will be convened and begin to meet with the most qualified applicants.

June 12 – June 16: The panel will conduct a formal interview with up to three finalists.

June 16: The panel will offer a final recommendation to the Mayor. Following that, the Mayor will present his selection to the City Council for confirmation. After confirmation the Mayor will make a formal offer of employment to the chosen candidate.

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If the final candidate accepts the Mayor's offer and is already a member of the City's Fire and Life Safety Department, they will immediately begin their service as Chief.

Should the final candidate be drawn from the City's national recruitment search, it is expected that they would begin City employment up to six weeks following their acceptance of the Mayor's offer of employment.

In order to insure continuity and continued management efficiency in the Fire and Life Safety Department, Mayor Sanders will appoint Assistant Chief Tracy Jarman as interim Chief for the Department, upon Chief Bowman's departure.

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